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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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EPISULFIDE BASED COMPOSITION, POLYMERIZATION/CURING PROCESS AND OPTICAL ARTICLES RESULTING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification

At page 3, please amend the paragraphs spanning lines 5-18 as follows:

--Others have disclosed thermal or room temperature polymerization of episulfide compounds using, as catalyst, a salt of formula:

 $M_m^{p+} Y_n^{-}$

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